

REMARKS

The office action of September 22, 2006, asserts that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species and requires that the applicant to elect one of the following species as designated by the office action and identify claims encompassing the elected invention:

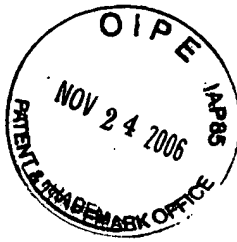
Species I directed to FIGS. 1A-1D	Species VIII directed to FIG. 10
Species II directed to FIGS. 3A-3B	Species IX directed to FIG. 11
Species III directed to FIGS. 4A-4C	Species X directed to FIGS. 14A-14B
Species IV directed to FIGS. 5A – 5B	Species XI directed to FIGS. 15A – 15B
Species V directed to FIGS. 6A – 6B	Species XII directed to FIGS. 16A – 16B
Species VI directed to FIGS. 7A – 7B	Species XIII directed to FIGS. 17A – 17B
Species VII directed to FIGS. 8 - 9	Species XIV directed to FIGS. 18 – 19A

The Applicant elects the species identified as species I in the office action and identifies claims 1-5 and 32-35 as encompassing the elected species. Accordingly, the applicant requests cancellation of claims 6-31 and 36-44.

This Amendment is being submitted with a Petition for Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

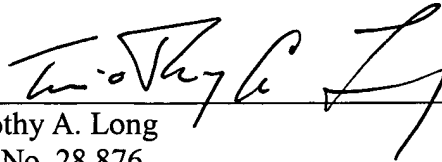
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Respectfully submitted,

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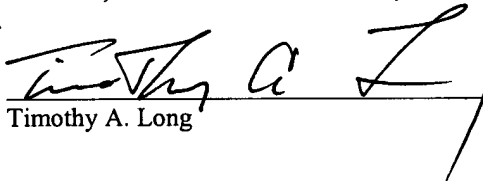
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